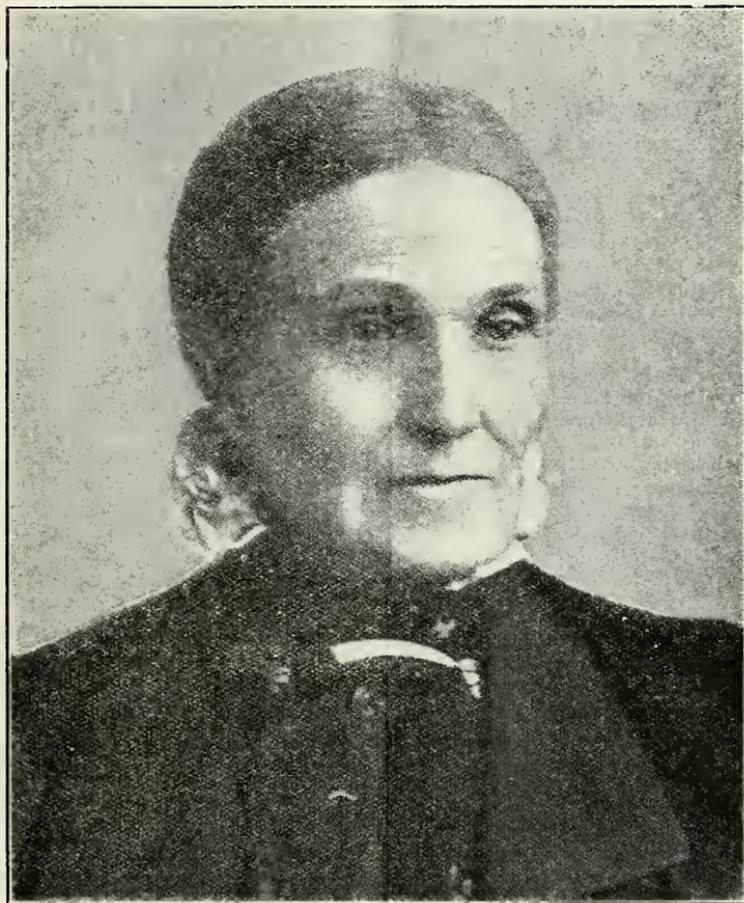


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**Aurelia Spencer Rogers**

*She Was the Primary's Mother*

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## A PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

**G**OD, our Heavenly and Eternal Father, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Father of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the world, the Saviour of mankind, we thank Thee that Thou hast again seen fit to restore to the earth the plan of life and salvation, whereby men and women, through obedience to the laws that Thou hast revealed, can come back into Thy presence and dwell with Thee forever.

O Father, we thank Thee from the bottom of our hearts that Thou didst see fit to reveal Thyself and Thy Son to the boy, Joseph Smith. We thank Thee that we have no doubt in our minds regarding Thy personality, that in very deed Thou didst declare to all the world by Thy personal visitation and the visitation of Thy Son, that man was created in the image of his Maker.

We thank Thee, oh Father in Heaven, that Thou didst allow Thy devoted and faithful prophet, Moroni, to visit the boy Joseph Smith, that Thou didst allow him for four long years to meet the prophet on this hill and instruct him regarding the principles of the Gospel and fit and prepare him to stand at the head of Thy Church, again established upon the earth, the Church of Thy Son Jesus Christ.

We are grateful Father, for the delivery unto him of the plates, and that He was inspired of Thee, through the instrumentality of the Urim and Thummim that was placed in his hands, to translate the holy scriptures as recorded in the Book of Mormon.

We are thankful, Heavenly Father, that as the years come and go Thou hast seen fit to uncover evidences re-

garding the divinity of the work in which we are engaged. We thank Thee, Father, that the claims that were made against the Book of Mormon, that it was false because there were no dwellings that had been erected of cement to be found upon this land and that therefore the book was false. We are grateful that such dwellings have been discovered, that mounds are being uncovered, and that under those mounds, not far from the city of Mexico, splendid cement dwellings have been found.

We are grateful for the radio, whereby the ridicule of the statement in the Book of Mormon that the voice of Jesus was heard all over the land, can be successfully met. This statement was ridiculed because it was thought that the human voice

**Thanksgiving**

PRINTED here is the full text of the impressive dedicatory prayer of gratitude uttered by President Heber J. Grant on the occasion of the recent unveiling of the Angel Moroni monument on the Hill Cumorah in western New York state (see *Star*, August 8).

While visiting in the eastern states, President Grant, who is hale and hearty at the age of 78 years, delivered an address over the facilities of radio station WHAM of Rochester, New York.

President Grant has dedicated the Hawaiian, Alberta (Canada) and Mesa (Arizona) temples in addition to scores of chapels and meeting places.

carried only a few hundred feet, but today, through the discovery of the radio, the voice can be heard around the world.

We are grateful that the ridicule of that part of the Book of Mormon which says that there were horses upon this continent, has been satisfactorily answered. It was thought that because there were no horses to be found here when Columbus arrived, that statement was untrue, but skeletons of horses and other animals have been dug out of the oil wells in California.

We are thankful for the hundreds and thousands of special manifestations that have been given to individuals, yes even millions of manifestations, as to the divinity of the Book of Mormon.

We are grateful, oh Father, that Thou didst allow John the Baptist, who held the Aaronic Priesthood, the power and authority to baptize the Saviour, to appear to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, and that He did bestow upon them this Priesthood and this power. Our hearts go out in gratitude that the apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, Peter, James and John, came to the earth, laid their hands upon the heads of the Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and restored the higher or Melchizedek Priesthood, and the apostleship that was not upon the earth.

We humbly pray unto Thee that those of us who have received the ordinance of baptism, those of us who have been ordained to the higher Priesthood, and all of those that have received a testimony of the divinity of the work that has been established—we humbly pray that Thou wilt help us so to live that our lives may proclaim the divinity of the work in which we are engaged.

**WE** are thankful for the organization of Thy Church and for its wonderful growth. We are grateful beyond expression that notwithstanding the opposition and the lying statements that were sent out here in the State of New York and the persecutions of the people which made it necessary to move to Ohio, the then frontier, that yet Thy people prospered and that the numbers grew in the Church.

We are thankful that notwithstanding the opposition that was so great in Ohio that the people moved to Missouri, still Thou didst see fit to prosper the people, and that Thou didst touch the hearts of people and they embraced the Gospel notwithstanding these persecutions.

We are thankful beyond all the power which Thou hast given us with which to express our thoughts that notwithstanding an exterminating order of the governor of the State of Missouri, that notwithstanding Joseph Smith and others had been sentenced to be shot the following morning, Thou didst preserve the lives of these men, and that one of the greatest of all the great revelations that have come to Thy people was given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in Liberty jail shortly after this decree of his death had been made.

We pray that whenever we read that marvellous and wonderful revelation the inspiration of the living God may be given to us, that we may keep the commandments of the Lord.

We are grateful, Father, that notwithstanding the expulsion of our people from Missouri Thou didst bless and prosper them, and that they built a magnificent temple in Nauvoo. And that a

great city was established there, one of the most prosperous, and in fact the largest city, if I am not in error, in the entire state of Illinois.

But through the animosity and the hatred and the falsehoods of people, again the Latter-day Saints were driven, and they travelled 1500 miles out into the desert country of the Salt Lake valley.

We are grateful for the preservation of the people. We are grateful that a prophecy has been fulfilled which was uttered just before his martyrdom by the Prophet Joseph Smith, on the west bank of the Mississippi river.

"I prophesied," he said, "that the saints would continue to suffer much persecution, that many would be put to death by our persecutors, others would lose their lives in consequence of exposure and disease, but, some of you shall live to go and build cities and settlements, and see the saints become a mighty people in the midst of the Rocky Mountains."

**WE** are grateful that they have become a mighty people, from Canada on the north to Mexico on the south. We have 112 stakes of Zion, and Thy spirit and Thy blessing have attended the men and the women who have been appointed to preside in these stakes and who have been called to preside over the various quorums of the Priesthood, and over the female Relief Society, the Sunday Schools, the Primaries and the Young Men's and Young Women's Associations.

We are grateful that in the far off land of Hawaii a stake of Zion has been organized. Thy people have in every way become a great and mighty people, fulfilling the prophecy of the Prophet Joseph Smith on the west bank of the Mississippi river.

We are truly grateful unto Thee, our Heavenly Father, for the hospitality of the people in this section of the country. We are grateful that the spirit of opposition has disappeared. We are thankful that the reputation of Thy people has changed and that today from New York to San Francisco, from Canada to Mexico, to be known as a Latter-day Saint living the Gospel is of great value.

The reputation of the Saviour was such that He was crucified, but after He has been dead for nearly 2,000 years men are beginning to find that His teachings were for the benefit of every living soul, not only in this life, but if lived will bring exaltation in the life to come.

We are grateful that no one can find fault with the teachings of the Latter-day Saints, that our religion is in absolute harmony with the teachings of the Bible. We are thankful, oh Father, for these things and we humbly pray unto Thee that our minds may never become darkened, that we may never depart from the truth, that we may never break any of the covenants that we have made with Thee; but that as we grow in years and increase in understanding we may grow in the light, knowledge and testimony of the divinity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that we have espoused.

May we ever be faithful to the commandments in Holy Writ. May we ever remember the teachings of the Saviour while here upon the earth among the Nephites, after His resurrection, and His teachings to His followers and apostles upon the other con-

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## THE ART OF HOSPITALITY

*By Emily T. Merrill*

THE "Art of Hospitality" is recommended by the general board of Y. W. M. I. A. as a subject of consideration by Gleaner Girls during the coming season. This is due, undoubtedly, to the fact that the M. I. A. programmes are designed to develop culture among other virtues, and the art of hospitality is a necessary possession of every cultural person.

First of all, what do we understand by the word "hospitality?" One definition given by the dictionary is that "hospitality is the reception and entertainment of strangers or guests without reward, or with kind, generous liberality." This description fairly well suits our meaning of the term. Let us think of it then as the "friendly and liberal reception of guests or strangers." Giving the term this meaning, its importance in the home, the office or shop, the society or club, the group or church becomes at once apparent. Unless hospitality characterizes all our M. I. A. and other meetings, held under the auspices of the Church, there will be an absence of an essential factor to the real success of the gathering. This fact we will all readily concede. Unless guests and strangers are made to feel welcome in our gatherings there will likely be an absence of the Spirit of the Lord; the result will be a cold and lifeless meeting. The question of how to make hospitality play its rightful part in all our relationships is therefore of great importance.

The art of hospitality is one of the oldest of arts. It has been practised in all lands and by all peoples. It has been the habit of all nations in all ages to look upon hospitality as a virtue and to esteem the man or woman who delights in it. The Bible, the literature of ancient Egypt and India, and innumerable works of the classic period, abound with praises of the courteous host. In more recent times every country has gloried in some tradition of generosity to guest and stranger.

In reading the literature of the Orient and of ancient Greece, we learn that these nations took the duty of hospitality very seriously. The word "guest" and the word "stranger" were identical, the stranger being considered to have a claim to the rights of hospitality. Some strangers would remain as long as a year and would then depart, laden down with gifts, and be accompanied on their journey long distances by escorts sent by the host.

This of course was the custom before the inns, or houses for the accommodation of travellers, were built. It was before the time of the newspapers and before the roads were travelled very much. So the arrival of a stranger must have been a pleasant event, and his company would have been welcomed. As travel increased, the inns sprang into being. Then this type of hospitality declined.

In reading the simple stories of the creation in the Bible, we find it said that God looked upon His world and pronounced it all good, with the exception of one thing; that was human

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## SERVING THE LEAST OF THESE

*By Elizabeth Cornwall*

**I**F we had at our command the magic carpet of *Arabian Nights* that would carry us from one part of the world to another in the twinkling of an eye, we would see each week groups of children gathering in almost every clime for work in the Primary organization of the Church.

From our magic carpet we would look down on children huddled around a stove in a cozy room in the chilly "Land of the Midnight Sun." We would see,

on the other hand, bronzed little Maoris gathered for the same lessons in sunny New Zealand. We would find the Primary stretching its helping hand to 22 different nations, reaching the souls of 98,969 children. We would find that through patient hours, 16,976 officers were teaching these children how to conduct themselves both in the home and in society; how to entertain themselves and how to help others less fortunate than themselves.

There are organized 347 mission Primaries in the United States and 361 in foreign missions. Of that group there are 6,783 Latter-day Saint children and 7,580 friends.

The instructors of this organization are women who leave their dusting, sweeping and the cares of the home to meet for at least an hour each week with their Primary children to give them stories, songs and games. Prayerfully they inspire the children

to meet with happy hearts the problems of the child world and to prepare for the obstacles of later years.

The history of the Primary goes back to August 25, 1878, when the first class was conducted by Sister Aurelia Spencer Rogers, who previously had been set apart as President of the Primary Association of the Church. That first class was held in Farmington, Utah by this cultured Pioneer mother.

Picture boys and girls herding cattle on the parched foothills of the Rocky mountains, little girls churning butter in heavy, crude contraptions, boys making marbles from the clay found in the backyard, and girls playing with a doll that was perhaps only a bundle of rags with a stone for a head. It was these conditions which Sister Rogers saw in early Pioneer life. The need for culture, refinement and organized activity in the lives of these children who, with their parents, had been driven into the wilderness by religious persecution forced itself into the thoughts of this educated woman.

### Another Birthday

SUNDAY, August 25, is the fifty-seventh birthday anniversary of the Primary Association of the Church, and to commemorate the event Sister Elizabeth Cornwall, British Mission Primary supervisor, has written for the *Millennial Star* this article portraying the growth and aim of the organization.

During the first week in September children will gather in approximately fifty British mission Primaries to celebrate Homecoming Day, which marks the beginning of class work for the new season.

And so the Primary classes were organized. Children were taught how to braid straw, do patch work and dry fruit. They were also given lessons on religious themes. "The aim of the Primaries," Sister Rogers explained, "is to assist the parents in training their children, that they might be better helps in the home and try to make it happy; improve in their manners and in everything that is good. They are also to be taught the Gospel of our Church."

Since that beginning in 1878, the leaders of the Church have sensed the same need as did Sister Rogers. President Joseph F. Smith said: "Above all else, let us train our children in the principles of the Gospel of our Saviour, that they may become familiar with the truth and walk in the light which it sheds forth to all those who will receive it."

**D**URING the years of progress, the Primary has been led in turn by three leaders whose lives have been an inspiration to both teachers and children. In 1880 Sister Louie B. Felt was sustained general superintendent of all the Primary Associations, succeeding Sister Rogers as head of the organization. She served in this capacity for 45 years. She was followed by Sister May Anderson, who today presides over this expanding organization. Sister Anderson has served as editor of the Primary magazine, the *Children's Friend*, since its inception in 1902.

In special age groups children meet for lessons which have been planned carefully and according to modern educational standards. High ideals for Zion's Boys and Zion's Girls, Homebuilders and Trailbuilders are taught through Bible stories, lessons on the lives of great men and women and music and social activities. Awards provide an added incentive in the different phases of work.

Great Britain has a Primary story to tell. As early as 1916—during the World war—neighbourhood Primaries were held in the homes of members of the Church in this land. Mothers gathered their own children and others of the neighbourhood and taught with the same aim as the regularly organized groups. Today every district in the Mission has at least one Primary containing the three age groups, Zion's Boys and Girls, Homebuilders and Trailbuilders. Some of these Primaries have nearly one hundred children on their rolls. At the close of the spring quarter (May) the Primaries in Britain were contacting approximately 1,000 children each week. Each year brings more success and recognition from the outside. Only this summer Primary children were given a place in the Manchester Rose Festival, the car occupied by the Primary Queen being second in the entire procession.

Thus under capable leadership in this far-reaching organization, children are taught to gather into their lives the fine things which will lead to a rich future.

A voice that is softer than silence  
Comes borne on the gentle breeze.  
The true way to serve the Master  
Is by serving the least of these.

That is one of the verses of the Primary, and it expresses simply but beautifully the purpose of this great organization as it progresses forward.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1935

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EDITORIAL

ALCOHOL AND ROAD ACCIDENTS

A ROAD accident has occurred. Was drinking responsible? The relation of alcohol to road accidents is a question that has received the attention of road traffic officers wherever the automobile is extensively used. "Drunken driving" is an offense more or less severely punished in Britain and elsewhere. Recently London newspapers gave prominent notice to the case of a young earl, only son heir to a famous duke, who was found guilty at Canterbury of "driving a car while under the influence of liquor." The earl was fined £50, disqualified from driving for three years, and ordered to pay the costs. In addition the judge said: "I dare say the publicity and the disgrace of this case have been a punishment in themselves." Perhaps the wreck of his car also had punitive value.

But aside from driving while drunk, which everybody condemns and knows to be dangerous, the question arises: How much alcoholic beverage may a driver drink without having his efficiency impaired? To get authoritative information on this point, the Minister of Transport, in fulfillment of his statement in the House of Commons, invited the British Medical association in February "to say whether it could usefully make any observations on the place of alcohol in the causes of road accidents." Responding to this official invitation, the Association appointed a committee of 15 prominent men to study the question. The Committee went to work at once and made a report which was published in the Supplement to the *British Medical Journal* of July 27, 1935.

The Committee made a study of the authoritative literature on the influence of alcohol on the normal functioning of the human brain and body. In the summary and conclusions of the Committee it is stated:

1. Alcohol in an amount less than sufficient to render a person "under the influence of alcohol to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the vehicle" has definite effects on the human body.
2. The effect of three ounces of whisky (about a third of an ordinary table glass) definitely reduces mental control but, oddly enough, makes the consumer believe he has performed more efficiently by reason of taking the drink.
3. A single drink of about three ounces of whisky diminishes the rapidity and accuracy of nerve-muscular co-ordination.
4. As alcohol in no greater quantity than that found in three ounces of whisky (the usual drink) affects adversely

nerve-muscular co-ordination, it must frequently affect the driving capacity of the driver who drinks even so small an amount. But after the drink he may believe himself to be driving better when as a fact the reverse is true.

The findings of this body of eminent scholars and doctors, here given briefly only in summary, is a final negative answer to the claim that a single drink has no influence on the safe driving of the consumer. Be it remembered, however, that the findings are based on long and carefully conducted experiments and tests by highly qualified investigators. Hence the findings cannot be gainsaid. Safe driving and alcohol, even in the small amount contained in two to three ounces of whisky, are definitely antagonistic. Total abstinence from alcoholic beverages is therefore a condition for safe driving. Every driver, regardless of the safety of lives and property, should remember this and play safe.

Summary No. 2, as stated above, reminds us of a cartoon we once saw of a cat and mouse. In one section of the cartoon the mouse barely escaped the claws of the cat by slipping into a crack in the base board. The next section shows the mouse, after it had sipped some liquor that had been spilt on the floor, cocked defiantly on its hind legs and calling "now bring on that d— cat." Unfortunately one of the first effects of liquor is to make a self-deceiver of the drinker.

Latter-day Saints will be interested in the findings of the British Medical association. More than a hundred years ago the Lord revealed to the great latter-day prophet, Joseph Smith, the Word of Wisdom. This is a great code of health which, long after it was revealed, modern science completely confirmed. The Word of Wisdom proscribes alcoholic beverages, as well as tobacco, tea, and coffee, etc. All of these things contain poisonous and habit-forming drugs that "are not good for man." Hence, according to the "order and will of God," they should not be used. The observance of the Word of Wisdom is enjoined by the Church upon its members. But observing the Word of Wisdom is a pleasure to all sincere Latter-day Saints. They do nothing more willingly and gladly than to live in harmony with the "order and will of God."—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

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### DEATH OF ELSIE TALMAGE BRANDLEY

IT is with deep sorrow that we record the death of Elsie Talmage Brandley in Salt Lake City, August 2nd. She was the daughter of the late Apostle and Sister James E. Talmage, the mother of seven children, a member of the Y. W. M. I. A. General Board, and the Associate Editor of *The Improvement Era*. In her 39th year, she was stricken in a period of great activity in Church and public service. She was both very amiable, and able, even brilliant, and one of the most capable writers in the Church. Her untimely death is mourned by a myriad of friends.—J. F. M.

## AUXILIARY GUIDE FOR SEPTEMBER

### PRIESTHOOD

IN the British mission office President Cannon occupies a middle room ; he sits behind a large desk. Each morning there are conferences in the middle room. Elders J. Ridge Hicks, Ralph W. Hardy, and Eargle C. Harnsen report what success has attended their Indian Programme and where they intend to hold a new one. Then Elders Henry R. Pearson and Horace L. Hulme report how many new companies have come into the Health Food exhibit. Then Elder E. Jay Milne reports on publicity. There occurs a lively discussion and plans are laid for the next moves to make. Assignments are made. When the conference is through, they are filled.

Priesthood meetings are not study periods for Gospel subjects, but rather activity meetings. They are conference meetings where reports of last week's activities are made and where assignments for the new week are given. The short lesson is one of the assignments and is considered in the time not used in activity reports.

For the month of September find things to do from the talk of President David O. McKay, pp. 63-70, and assign the topics for September, pp. 72-74, Third Quarter Quorum Bulletin and Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lessons. The Priesthood meeting is a time for activity reports, the lesson being entirely subsidiary to this business.—CONWAY A. ASHTON.

### RELIEF SOCIETY

IN accordance with the change effected in May in the summer programme, the lessons planned for June will be used in September.

*First Week.* Theology and Testimony. Lesson: Zion's camp. Objective: To show that the Lord's designs are often too deep to be disclosed without careful study. For instance, Zion's camp was not really the failure it appeared to be. It was a testing ground and a training school for those who later assumed great responsibilities in the Church. It also taught the saints that they still had their free agency, that the Lord would not force the success even of an important movement in the Church when the necessary unity of purpose and harmony among the saints was lacking. Let testimonies bring out the fact that character has been strengthened sometimes through failure, and that sometimes disappointments or events which seemed to be afflictions have proved to be blessings.

*Second Week.* Preliminary programme. A short talk giving an instance of serious difficulty caused by a wound in which infection occurred. A short talk on what can be done in the home by way of fighting microbes. Immediate attention to small cuts or scratches, by using iodine or mercurochrome should be stressed ; also the covering of foods, particularly milk and jellies and jams. Milk is a favourable breeding place for practically all bacteria, and jelly is often used as a culture ground for bacteria, in making scientific experiments, their development is so rapid. Do not endanger the health of your family by being careless about these things. Also wash milk bottle tops before pouring out milk. Stress the danger of the common drinking cup. Lesson: Louis Pasteur and his work. Objective: To help us to appreciate the contribution of science to the maintenance of health, and to make us more eager to use such useful knowledge in our daily lives.

*Third Week.* Literary lesson. The World of Books. Objective: To teach us that books have recorded the noblest and deepest thoughts and

experiences of men, and to encourage us to be careful to choose worthwhile books to read. An animated discussion on "Why I Love Books" might be carried on.

*Fourth Week.* Health and Home Nursing. Lesson: Home Nursing. Objective: To teach us how to give the maximum comfort and peace to patients who must be cared for in the home—to help in the restoration of health by every intelligent means.—RAMONA W. CANNON.

## MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### SUNDAY JOINT PROGRAMME

THE Sunday joint programme for September should also be branch M. I. A. conference.

*Organ or piano prelude:* Five minutes before opening.

*Opening Hymn:* "Author of Faith, Eternal Word."

*Invocation.*

*Song:* "If You Could Hie to Kolob."

*Sustaining of M. I. A. Officers:* Branch President.

*Setting apart of new branch M. I. A. officers.*

*Talk:* "We Stand for Spirituality and Happiness in the Home."

*Talk:* "Reasons for My Belief in the Restored Gospel."

*Song:* "May the Lord Go With Us."

*Benediction.*

Branch Mutual officers are welcome to change the suggested Sunday joint programme if the change represents an improvement.

### PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER

The M. I. A. opening social is being held throughout the Church September 10 (or during that week). For suggestions in planning your opening social read the *Autumn Bulletin*, which was recently prepared by the Mission boards, and your *Community Activity Manual*, pages 394-395. The opening social is a good time to collect annual dues.

### FINANCING THE MUTUAL

This year's annual dues for membership in the Mutual organization have been set at one shilling for Adults, M Men and Gleaners, and at sixpence for Boy Scouts and Bee-Hive girls. One half of the dues collected are to be retained by the branch M. I. A., the other half is to be sent, before November 20, directly to the Mission office. The latter portion will be used to defray Mission and district M. I. A. expenses.

Branch Mutual presidencies are responsible for the collection of the dues. Membership cards provided by the Mission boards will be given to those paying dues. We suggest that dues be collected and membership cards distributed at the opening social.

### REPORTS

The first monthly report of the new season is due to your district supervisor September 20. September's report should be accompanied by a report of all summer projects and meetings.

### MANUALS

Manuals for Adults, M Men and Gleaners, which include the course of study and two appreciation courses under one cover, are available at one shilling nine pence from the Mission book store.—MISSION YOUNG MEN'S AND YOUNG WOMEN'S M. I. A. BOARDS.

## PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

BEFORE you are four quarters of a new Primary year filled with opportunities in which you might help some child to have a more complete life.

The "Homecoming Party" is to be given the first week in September. During the meeting of the second week make the promotions that are necessary and help the new children to become acquainted. Be sure that the groups have new roll cards so that each child will be accounted for as an enrolled member or as a visitor.

May the Lord grant to you every possible success. As you give your most humble and sincere efforts, may you be blessed and able to say to the mothers of these children each week: "I thank you for sending me your child for today. All the years of love, care and training you have given him have stood him in good stead today in his work and in his play. I send him home tonight, I hope, a little stronger, a little bigger, a little nearer his goal. Lend him to me again, I pray. In my care of him I shall show my gratitude."—ELIZABETH CORNWALL, PRIMARY SUPERVISOR.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**Postmaster I. A. Smoot** of Salt Lake City, in a recent speech before the World's Fair convention of California Postmasters at San Diego, told of how the great state of California was pioneered by Latter-day Saints. The favorable reception of the talk was indicated in the manner in which leading newspapers spread its contents over their front pages. Postmaster Smoot, who is the father of Elder A. Park Smoot of the British mission, said, in part: "The Mormons were in California a year before they were in Utah; they built the first flour mill, first saw mill, discovered gold, established the first newspaper and furnished the first millionaire. This man was Samuel Brannan, who owned a fourth of Sacramento and a fifth of San Francisco and interests over the state and Hawaii." Brannan, with 200 Latter-day Saints, landed at San Francisco in the ship *Brooklyn*, July 31, 1846, after a voyage around the southern tip of South America.

**Armada** of 76 airplanes of the United States army went through a three-day programme of maneuvers over Salt Lake City as one of the features of the recent celebration of the eighty-eighth anni-

versary of the entrance of the Latter-day Saint Pioneers into Salt Lake valley (see *Star* July 18). It is believed to be the greatest assemblage of army aircraft in the history of the intermountain west. Special services honouring the Pioneers were conducted in the Tabernacle, Sunday, July 21, President J. Renben Clark of the First Presidency being the principal speaker.

**Plans** for erecting another outstanding monument by the Church were announced by President Heber J. Grant, following the dedication of the Angel Moroni marker on the Hill Cumorah. The proposed monument will be raised at Winter Quarters, Iowa, designating the place from which the early Latter-day Saint Pioneers started on their westward trek across the plains. The monuments will form links in a chain marking the beginning of two great events—that on the Hill Cumorah, marking the beginning of Church history, through the Prophet Joseph Smith's first vision in the sacred grove and the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, and that at Winter Quarters, marking the start of the great exodus to Utah.

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loneliness. God said: "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make an helpmeet for him." We are so constituted that we do not enjoy living alone. We want friends about us; we look for opportunity to mingle with our friends in social intercourse. This intercourse requires of us certain behaviour and attitudes. Our behaviour may help to make our intercourse with our fellowmen more pleasant or unpleasant, depending upon the type of behaviour. If this is one of selfishness, criticism, rudeness and inconsiderateness, then we cannot hope to be welcomed and sought after as agreeable company. If, however, such qualities as kindness, generosity, self-denial and love are exhibited, we will be met with a spirit of kindness. Refined attitudes and behaviour are observed by true gentlemen and gentlewomen.

Since a certain standard of behaviour is considered desirable, I am sure we would all like to know this standard. We are all sensitive; we do not want to make a mistake in our conduct toward others, being unthoughtful or rude or offensive. We wish to exhibit sincere and agreeable friendliness.

**H**OW can we develop and acquire the art of hospitality as a personal habit to be exhibited in the home, at work, in the meeting house, in every place where we meet people? It will of course be readily granted that this art like any other can be acquired only by practise, and that skill in it depends upon attention to the same things upon which skill in any other art depends—intelligent, painstaking efforts and frequent repetition. It is "practise that makes perfect."

If we have not had the advantage of earlier training in this field of art we need not despair. Carlyle wrote: "The great law of culture is: 'Let each become all that he was created capable of being.'" So, what we do not know we can learn. Habits may be acquired. That is what the classes provided by the Mutual Improvement Association are doing for us. One series of lessons for Gleaner Girls the coming season is on the "Art of Hospitality."

It is said that true hospitality begins in the home. If that is true, then the home is a good place to acquire all the characteristics that make one best equipped to practise this art.

I have heard it said that there are only three indispensable requisites to good hospitality. These are: (1) amiable feeling, (2) good planning, (3) willingness to go to the trouble of pleasing. How can these essentials be developed and applied in the home and how can they be applied elsewhere, for example, in our Church meetings?

In the home the spirit of hospitality may be promoted by each member of the family having a lively and sympathetic interest in the greatest good and development of every other member and doing what is possible to help this development. The success of any one member will reflect credit on the family; hence, all should rejoice in the success of any one. If the spirit of destructive criticism could be replaced by the spirit of praise for things accomplished, even though imperfectly, the doer would be en-

couraged to strive onward. This will promote a feeling of companionship, so essential to the spirit of hospitality in the home.

Further, all in the home should remember always to treat each other as they would like to be treated, and that the responsibility of each one is to see that every guest is made to feel free, easy and happy and thus be made to have a good time.

The principles of hospitality in the home are the principles of hospitality in the chapels and other places of meeting. Every member of the Church who attends a public meeting should feel a responsibility for developing a friendly, wholesome atmosphere in the meeting place in order that all, including non-members and strangers especially, will feel the warmth and welcome so strongly that they will delight to come back to other meetings. When saints bring a strong heavenly spirit into their meeting houses and keep it there, the attendance of meetings will rapidly grow and applicants for baptism will be much more numerous than they are today. Do the saints believe this? Let them try it and see. At least it is their duty to fill their places of meeting with the spirit of goodwill, happy friendship and abundant love. The Lord will do the rest and the spirit of heaven will fill their places of worship. Then saints and friends will attend to experience the joy that they always feel when present at meetings.

## A PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

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continent. We humbly pray, O Father, that Thy spirit shall ever abide with us.

We are thankful above all things for the restoration to the earth of the Priesthood, the power to minister in the name of thine only Begotten Son, which has been given to us of Thee, and by the authority of that Priesthood, O Father, and in the name of our Redeemer, we dedicate unto Thee at this time this monument that has been erected upon this sacred hill.

We dedicate the hill itself and the ground surrounding it and all of the materials that have been used in this monument; and we humbly pray unto Thee that it may be preserved from the elements, and that it may stand here as a testimony of God, of Jesus Christ, and of the dealings of Jesus Christ with the people that lived anciently upon this continent.

These things we do in humility, in gratitude and in thanksgiving to Thee, by the authority of the Priesthood of God, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## OF CURRENT INTEREST

**Britain**—"England has a national poise and a political stability that is remarkable when compared with other countries," six missionaries returning to Salt Lake City were quoted as reporting by the *Deseret News*. The missionaries included Elder Heber I. Boden, former British mission secretary; Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, former European mission publicity director; Elder G. Homer Durham, former British mission Y. M. M. I. A. superintendent; Elder Elbert H. Startup, former Manchester district president, and Elder Bruce W. Hoggan. "There is confidence shown in a national building programme that has a forward look in economic stability," Elder Hinckley was quoted.

## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Doings in the Districts: Birmingham**—President Joseph F. Merrill and Sister Emily T. Merrill were the principal speakers at the Handsworth branch evening services, Sunday, August 11, in the branch chapel. President Merrill told of the high respect that is given the Church in America and promised the saints that the same esteem would come in Britain if they would but live the teachings of the Gospel. Sister Merrill stressed the importance of preaching by example, illustrating her text with interesting stories. Special numbers included selections by the Mission male quartet, under the direction of Elder Bertram T. Willis, and a vocal solo, "God is Our Refuge," by Sister Muriel Hunter, district chorister who recently won first place among women singers in a national contest. The meeting was attended by 113 persons. District President Norman Dunn conducted.

A lantern lecture on the picturesque canyons of Western America and early Pioneer life in Utah was given by Elder Fielding S. Barlow before Kidderminster Toc H club, Monday, August 12. The M Men quartet also rendered several numbers.

Under the direction of Mr. W. Guest, M Men of Kidderminster branch are organizing a football

team to enter in the city league. Several new members have been attracted to the class through softball during the summer, and plans for continuing sports throughout the year have been made.

**Bristol**—Plymouth branch opened a Primary class at the rooms on Whimple street Monday, August 12, with more than 50 children in attendance. Sisters Maggie E. Mavin and Edna Huxham are the teachers.

A regular Sunday School was organized in Plymouth branch August 11 under the direction of Branch President George Firby. Brother Robert Huxham was sustained as superintendent. Attending the first meeting was a reporter of the *Western Morning News*, who wrote a favourable account of the organization for his newspaper.

Plymouth branch members have made several interesting friendships through their weekly outings during the summer.

**Hull**—Softball is swelling the M Men enrollment of Hull branch Y.M.M.I.A. Two teams have been formed, and games, attended regularly by crowds of approximately 200 persons, are being conducted under the supervision of travelling elders in East park. The *Hull Daily Mail* newspaper published three favourable reports and one picture

### Growing Esteem

The increasing number of newspaper articles about Latter-day Saints which are submitted to Mission headquarters by Durrant's News Clipping service speaks the growing esteem held for the Church in Great Britain.

During the past month (July 10-August 10) there have been turned in 40 articles, all fair and favourable, on Latter-day Saint teachings or activities. They totaled 213 column inches of space. Some of London's large dailies published pleasing accounts on the entrance of the Mormon Pioneers into Salt Lake valley, July 24, 1847, pointing out that nine Britons were among them. Nearly every large daily in England printed an account of the first complete Latter-day Saint marriage in England (see *Star* August 15), mentioning that no tea, coffee or alcoholic drinks were served.

on the softball activities during one week and continues to print accounts on the games. Among the interested participants are members of Hull Rugby team.

Branches of Hull district combined for a Sunday School picnic Saturday, July 27, at Thornton abbey. Brother A. E. Ransom of the district presidency was in charge. In addition to this outing, branches in the district have enjoyed various summer occasions, including a Gainsborough branch outing at Mablethorpe, a concert and "tea" for mothers by Hull branch Bee-Hive girls and a sight-seeing tour of Hull by members of Hull branch M. I. A.

At ceremonies held in Hull, Sunday, June 30, Brothers Rue William Draper, Gerald Griffiths and Kenneth R. Yull of Hull branch were baptized by Elder G. Eldon Noble and confirmed by Supervising Elder Kenneth F. Cropper.

**Liverpool**—In conjunction with the annual camping holiday of Wigan branch members near Blackpool, an open-air meeting was held on the Foreshore, Sunday afternoon, August 4. District President

Fred Bradbury and Branch President Norman H. Rickard were the principal speakers.

**Norwich**—Superintendent Bert Martins was in charge of a Norwich branch Sunday School outing at Cromer, Thursday, July 11. A party of 35 children enjoyed the programme of bathing, games and races on the sea shore. Refreshments were served near the Cromer lighthouse.

Increased attendances have resulted at Lowestoft branch sacrament meetings from the new system of advertising the principal speaker's theme each week in the local newspaper.

**Sheffield**—Members of Doncaster branch genealogical class have recently made an interesting discovery at the public library. They have found that the local weekly paper, the Doncaster *Gazette* (formerly the Doncaster, Nottingham and Lincoln *Gazette*) has since its inception in 1786 carried details on all deaths, births and marriages in Doncaster. Members of the branch have secured from the files of this newspaper several names and dates connected with their ancestors.

## DEATH

**GREGSON**—Funeral services for the infant son, William Henry, of Mr. Henry Gregson and Sister Jessica Gregson of Preston branch were conducted at the graveside, Friday, August 2, under the direc-

tion of Elder William F. Homer, branch president. Brother Clifford Hartley dedicated the grave following a sermon by Elder Dale Barton. The child was born July 21.

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